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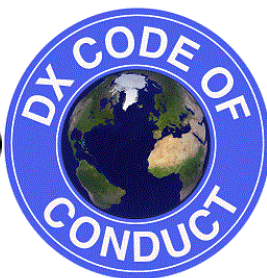
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Margie Hoffman KG6TBR

• New Entity: Southern Sudan

- Independence on July 9th
- Operation Scheduled
- UN Formal Acknowledgement Mid August

• June Picnic Photos

We had a Blast!

• We Immediately Need

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THE PREZ SEZ

John Schroeder, N6QQ,
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Hello Everybody!

What a terrific picnic. Bill, N6RV efforts worked out prefect. Now Bill has to worry about the Christmas party. We had 64 members and guests show up. The weather was cool and it made for a pleasant day. I spent time with two guests to join the club.

I wish to thank our cooks Larry, K6YUI, Ernie, N6HY, and Keith, K6LD for a wonderful job. Looks like everyone found food to eat. Also thanks for those that brought extra goodies to eat.

Sharon, K6IRD walked away with the Raffle prize. Now Wayne can install another radio in their house.

Got some free operating time for July, look at this months contests:

For RTTY Fans: DL-DX RTTY Contest - July 2-3

North American QSO Party - July 16-17

For the 6 meters fans: CQ WorldWide VHF Contest -- July 16-17

For general DXing: IARU HF World Championship July 9-10

and last - for IOTA fans: RSGB IOTA Contest July 30-31.

I am looking forward to the CQ WW VHF Contest - 6 meters is showing lots of life.

See you at the July meeting

73, John N6QQ President, SCDXC

www.scdxc.org

International DX Convention: www.dxconvention.org

<http://www.qrz.com/db/N6QQ>



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See the hyperlink below.



*Thank you Bob, N6TV, for the use of
your wonderful photographs!*

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Hello Fellow DXers!

Well summer is here and the propagation reflects the season. Fortunately for us there are some delightful distractions that warm weather brings! Getting outdoors and moving around is a good thing! Speaking about moving around the picnic was a great success. John thanked the cooks already but a double thanks is in order. I arrived at the scene and Larry, Ernie, Keith and Paul were sitting there ready to go. I knew then that the going was going to be easy! Beckie and I jumped out of the truck and we began unloading the bed filled with goodies. Immediately the charcoals were lit. People began to arrive and things kicked into high gear. Kris started cutting the vegetables for the burgers. Mel and Doris rolled in with their perennial SCDXC picnic chili. The dynamic trio took to the grills and the picnic was in flight. The din of conversation subsided into quiet consumption. All was right with the world.

I was standing next to drawing board preparing to announce the availability of open squares when Rich, W6VX, grabbed the board and handed the FT-450D to Cathy, K6VC. I followed the two as we wound through the group with Rich calling "Only two more spots left!". Actually we had on the order of 50 spots to fill the 100 squares showing. They were filled in no time. In fact when Rich discovered that I had made the board out for 120 squares the paper covering the two rows of ten was removed and we took the show on the road for a second time. With help from an enthusiastic crowd and two people in particular, the radio bearer, and the money collector the squares were fully filled. You see past presidents and board members can get caught up in the thrill of it all too! Thanks to everyone who participated. It turned a pretty grim drawing into an overwhelming success. I dare say that the 70 squares sold at the picnic ensures the raffle budget will stay in the positive region for the remainder of the year. Thank you Cathy and Rich. When you think you are on your own someone steps up, carries the banner and wins the day! This is something we should never forget and endeavor to perpetuate! We are a team.

This month Margie, KG6TBR, will be presenting the YL Dxpediton to Curacao. It will be a unique and refreshing look at taking ham radio on the road from a woman's perspective. If we are lucky we may a few more of the members of this team at the July meeting!

73, de N6RV Vice President SCDXC

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DXer of The Year

Congratulations
Mel K6SY!

Clipperton Award

Congratulations
David N6RI!

New Members

Please welcome new members:

Tony Randel
K6BBC

Ron Resnick
W2DXX

Paul Gussow
W6GMU

Peter Arninge
SM5GMZ

Jerry Lewine
K6QU

Gabriel Calfas
K6AWB

Peter Narins
K2IXQ

Gene Brewer
W5DQ

Rick Crosmer
W6ENZ

Linda Souder
KD6HYN

Roger Merideth
K6GVO

Rob Reichman
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N6UOZ

Barry Fitshev
N6VOH

Mary Gray
KH6VZ

Timothy Coker
N6WIN

Make sure you
meet and greet
them at the next

New DXer Resources

New DXers Handbook

http://www.udxa.org/attachments/148_New_DXers_Handbook.pdf

RUMORS ON THE BAND

A plethora of announcements, rumors, and serious DX fun

The Big DXpeditions for this month are [Rotuma](#), [Austral Islands](#) and [Fernando De Noronha](#). Again note that there are several Six Meter operations this month as well as the IARU contest at the end of the month. There are lots of summer vacationers on DXpedition as the table below demonstrates.

Southern Sudan

Southern Sudan will become an independent country this year. As you recall there was a referendum earlier this year that stemmed from the Naivasha Agreement of 2005. The region has gained independence though there is some dispute over the buffer zone. Both countries claim it as their own and fighting has commenced in the region. Maybe we will see another UN buffer zone temporarily established until the issue is resolved. If that is the case then it too may be a separate entity as buffer zones in the past. Remember these autonomous regions are very short lived so work them first ask later.

The DXCC desk will not acknowledge Southern Sudan until the UN formally acknowledges the new country. That will be sometime in mid-August. Recall also that there is an operation planned around the independence date, July 9th, 2011. This may not count as a new country but it may still be considered the Sudan which is rare.

Useful DX Sites

[N0HR DXpedition Map](#)
www.n0hr.com/wk34/

[The DX Zone](#)
www.dxzone.com/catalog/DX_Resources/

[The Daily DX](#)
www.dailydx.com/

[Announced DX Ops](#)
www.ng3k.com/misc/adxo.html

[DXing.info](#)
www.dxing.info/dxpeditions/

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<http://www.dx-info.de>

Blue Information indicate particularly rare entities and **Red information** indicate SCDXC member attended DXpedition. As always you have to turn on your radio to work them.

Call	QTH	Start Date	End Date	Information	Website
8Q7LR	Maldives	Now	7/2/2011	RA9LR 40 - 10 SSB	-
PJ76	Sint Maarten	Now	7/4/2011	W6JKV & K6MYC Six Meters plus HF	-
PJ6D	Saba	Now	7/6/2011	K5AND, W5OZI, K5TR Six Meters	http://dkhanson.com/pj6/
PJ2	Curacao	Now	7/7/2011	DJ8NK, DJ9ON DK9KX Six Meters	-
YJ8A	Vanuatu	Now	7/17/2011	P29CS HF SSB	-
7Q7MH	Malawi	Now	7/31/2011	GM3TAL HF + 6 SSB CW	http://www.7q7mh.org/
KH4	Midway	Now	7/31/2011	KH5/W5FJG 40-6 SSB CW RTTY Digi	-
3D2R	Rotuma	Now	7/15/2011	VK2IR 3D2AA VK2NN VK2RF VK2KLM VK3FY VK3YP VK3FT 160-6	-
PY0FO	Fernando De Noronha	7/2/2011	7/9/2011	PY2FN 40-6 CW Six Meters	http://www.py0fo.com.br/
JX5O	Jan Mayen	7/6/2011	7/16/2011	SQ8X SV2KBS NI1L SQ9C SV2KBS SM0MDG TF3ZA HB9ASZ 20-15	http://janmayen2011.org/
FP	St. Pierre & Miquelon	7/7/2011	7/11/2011	FP/VA2WDQ Low Power CW	-
MD9Y	Isle of Man	7/7/2011	7/15/2011	DL1SPH DK1SG DH1SBB DC5SAN DG1SBU DG7SF DL6SBN	-
SV9	Crete	7/11/2011	7/27/2011	SV9/HB9CRX 30-10m CW QRP	-
FO/a	Austral Islands	7/11/2011	7/14/2011	F6CTL SSB + digital;	-
C29DG	Mozambique	7/14/2011	7/28/2011	ZR6DG ZS6HB HF	-
T88MB	Palau	7/20/2011	7/24/2011	JA3AVO JH3PBL (T88MP) W7AED (T88SRL)	-
FP/K9OT	St. Pierre & Miquelon	7/21/2011	8/4/2011	K9OT and KB9LIE	-
KH8	American Samoa	7/30/2011	8/14/2011	WA8LOW/KH8 160-6m CW SSB RTTY PSK	-

DX ACCOMPLISHMENTS

Celebrate the Successes of Our Fellow Members!

Thanks for the Submissions!

Dennis, NS6C, has ascended again to the top of the Honor Roll! It is fun to see a new country pop up and watch as the old hands take the pursuit and acquisition of the prize to hand. Way to go Dennis! In fact he is at the top of the Honor Roll for phone and one off on CW.

Joe, K5KT also updated his standings. Joe is still at the top with 354/340. He is waiting for the new SteppIR that will ascend his tower sometime in the next few months.

Robert Block, K6LX, submitted his updates. He reports it is difficult to pursue the DX with his limitations. Hang in there Robert! We work what we can when we can!

There are others who have not updated their standings. With four new entities on the list and two fallen several should be reporting a change! This month we may see another new one! Keep an eye out for Southern Sudan or whatever they have decided to call themselves. The certification process requires acknowledgement by one of a few organizations before it is official so follow the Chicago election rule... work them early and often.

SCDXC WAZ and DXCC Standings (N6RV)

The first of the two large numbers represent the number of confirmed zones on the 9 HF bands 160-10 (less 60 meters). The next column contain the following codes:

M **Mixed**
P **Phone**
C **CW**
R **RTTY**
5 **5 Band**

If you have any information to post please email me:

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WAZ STANDINGS

	9B / 5B	Awards
EU7SA	355 / 200	M/5
N6AW	355 / 200	M/P/C/5
WA5VGI	352 / 200	M/P/C/5
W6VX	352 / 199	
W8DX	349 / 200	M/5
K6FG	347 / 197	M/P/C/R/5
W6SR	342 / 200	M/P/C//5
K6YUI	337 / 200	M/P/C/R/5
W6YOO	303 / 200	M/P/C/5
KC6X	283 / 200	M/C/5
K6YRA	280 / 200	P/5
N6RV	270 / 183	M/P/C
K6LD	271 / 172	M/P
KR6C	281 / 169	M/C
KJ6Y	261 / 172	
WD6L	248 / 200	M/P/5
K6SY	246 / 173	P
W6ZPL	237 / 173	M/P
K6GXO	227 / 193	M
AD6KQ	226 / 164	
N6OU	220 / 200	M/5
N6DHZ	214 / 160	P
KH6DX/m	210 / 184	
NS6C	/ 198	
N6MXU	155 / 193	
K2PLF	191 / 191	
K6KII	191 / 177	M
W6IRD	181 / 147	M/P
W6NRQ	180 / 147	M/P
K6IRD	154 / 126	M/P
WA6BOB	152 / 136	M
K6IRA	118 / 102	
W3SE	102 / 112	
K6VC	96 / 96	P
W6EA	92 / 86	
N6VNI	86 / 64	
KA6TTV	82 / 67	
N6UC	78 / 78	M
N6GIL	49 / 43	
W6DCK	40 / 40	P
WB6PSY	40 / 40	P
K6JW	40 / 40	M/P
KT6LA	40 / 40	
K6YR	39 / 39	
NZ6L	36 / 36	
N6HE	35 / 35	
W4EF	29 /	
N6AWD		M
N6HC		M/P/C
KB6KTV		P
W6OES		M
K8RD		C
K6UNR	/ 200	M/P/5

DXCC STANDINGS

	TOT / CUR
K6KII	386 / 340
JA1BK	377 / 338
K6YRA	376 / 340
K6EXO	370 / 338
N6UC	365 / 338
K6YUI	364 / 340
NS6C	359 / 340
W6HT	358 / 338
W6SR	357 / 340
WA6WZO	356 / 340
K8RD	355 / 340
N6AW	355 / 337
K5KT	354 / 340
K6FG	354 / 340
K2PLF	353 / 340
N6RV	353 / 338
K6IPV	353 / 334
W8DX	352 / 340
W6OES	351 / 334
K6GXO	350 / 338
KC6X	348 / 339
W6AUG	347 / 340
W6OM	347 / 337
WB6PSY	347 / 336
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W6YOO	344 / 338
K6LD	344 / 338
W6ENZ	345 / 337
W6KK	343 / 338
W6VX	343 / 338
N6AWD	343 / 336
W6DCK	342 / 336
WA5VGI	342 / 336
N6QQ	340 / 337
EU7SA	340 / 336
KB6KTV	340 / 335
KR6C	338 / 335
N6HC	338 / 333
N6OU	334 / 329
N6HY	333 / 329
AD6KQ	328 / 328
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K6UNR	333 / 332
W6QE	332 / 324
KM6HB	328 / 325
KJ6Y	327 / 323
K2IXQ	324 / 325
W6ZPL	317 / 317
K6SY	312 / 310
W6HB	297 / 291
WD6L	295 / 295
N6DHZ	287 / 283
W6NRQ	285 / 281
N7CQQ	268 / 266
N6MXU	268 / 266
N6WIN	258 / 253
K6GEP	254 / 249
K6JW	253 / 251
K6DJ	251 / 249
K6YR	244 / 244
K6HCJ	235 / 235
K6IRD	235 / 235
K6GEP	229 / 226
K6VC	227 / 227
N6VNI	223 / 223
KT6LA	202 / 202
WA6BOB	202 / 198
W6VWV	165 / 165
K6LX	175 / 175
W6EA	152 / 152
N6HE	152 / 147
KA6TTV	149 / 149
K6OGO	142 / 142
W4EF	132 / 132
WA6NOL	127 / 126
NZ6L	27 / 27

SPURIOUS OUTPUTS

Comments, Announcements, and Interesting Tid-Bits Submitted by Members

Mystery Van (K6LD)

Keith submitted this picture for our perusal. It is a van he found parked near his home. Any ideas? My guess it is someone famous who installs antennas and may be in another picture on this page but I may be wrong! It is summertime and a good time to upgrade the mobile station!

For Sale: Henry 5K (W6NRQ)

Clean Low hours Henry 5 (five) Kilowatt Amplifier with a pair of 3CX1200A7 tubes, 80 -10 capability \$5K OBO. Bill Hoverman, W6FW

Wanted: Small Triband Yagi (WB6PJC)

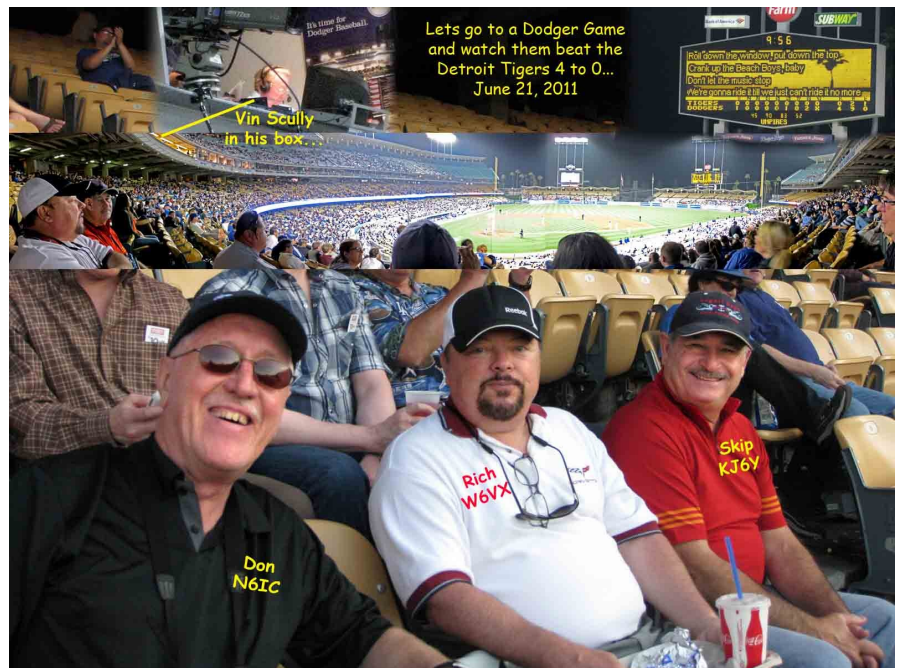
Arnie is looking for a Cushcraft A3S or HyGainTH3 MK-IV to replace his 2 element tribander. If anyone has one available or knows someone who does send him an email. His address is good on QRZ.com.

NCDXF Newsletter (W6NRQ)

Steve reports that the Northern California DX Foundation Newsletter is out and available to club members. SCDXC does contribute to the foundation.

In The Summertime (N6IC)

It looks like Don, Skip, and Rich had a good time at the Dodger game. What? No Beer! I am sure it brings back old Chicago Cub memories for Skip and Rich. Vin Scully is almost as old as Harry Caray! Even the Dodgers standings approximate the Cubs long term position in the major leagues. Don was extremely grateful for the outing even though he does not drive a Corvette! It was fun riding in one!



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4S7EA (W6NRQ)

Steve, our secretary, forwarded this request:

A longtime Sri Lankan DXer, 4S7EA, Ernest, a call well known to most every DXer, has recently moved to Winnetka, on the northwest side of LA to live with his son.

He is looking for an HF rig so that he can tune the ham bands and listen. Ernest is getting up in years, (in his 80's, I think), so I don't know that he will make the effort to get a US license. (Too bad we don't do reciprocals with 4S, as they do for us!) His callsign will still be heard, though, on Echo-link, but his HF activity, after more than 50 years, will be rare.

Hoping some SCDXC member might be able to lend Ernest a radio so that he will at least be able to listen to the ham bands....73, John NZ9Z.

No More Sunspots? (W6MPB)

Urban submits this latest announcement for our review.

http://news.yahoo.com/s/afp/20110614/ts_afp/usspacesun

The major AAS solar announcement: Sun's Fading Spots Signal Big Drop in Solar Activity

Posted on June 14, 2011 by Anthony Watts

From the WUWT solar reference page. Note: when the B gauss reading of sunspots hits 1500, they will no longer have enough contrast to be visible. That may occur at or near the years 2015-2017.

The American Astronomical Society meeting in Austin has just made a major announcement on the state of the sun. Sunspots may be on the way out and an extended solar minimum may be on the horizon. From Space.com reporting from the conference:

Some unusual solar readings, including fading sunspots and weakening magnetic activity near the poles, could be indications that our sun is preparing to be less active in the coming years.

The results of three separate studies seem to show that even as the current sunspot cycle swells toward the solar maximum, the sun could be heading into a more-dormant period, with activity during the next 11-year sunspot cycle greatly reduced or even eliminated.

The results of the new studies were announced today (June 14) at the annual meeting of the solar physics division of the American Astronomical Society, which is being held this week at New Mexico State University in Las Cruces.

...Currently, the sun is in the midst of the period designated as Cycle 24 and is ramping up toward the cycle's period of maximum activity. However, the recent findings indicate that the activity in the next 11-year solar cycle, Cycle 25, could be greatly reduced. In fact, some scientists are questioning whether this drop in activity could lead to a second Maunder Minimum, which was a 70-year period from 1645 to 1715 when the sun showed virtually no sunspots.

...We expected to see the start of the zonal flow for Cycle 25 by now, but we see no sign of it," Hill said. "This indicates that the start of Cycle 25 may be delayed to 2021 or 2022, or may not happen at all.

If the models prove accurate and the trends continue, the implications could be far-reaching.

If we are right, this could be the last solar maximum we'll see for a few decades," Hill said. "That would affect everything from space exploration to Earth's climate.

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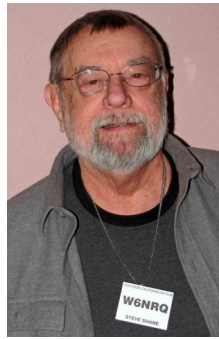
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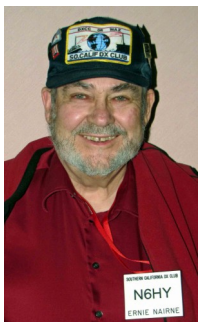
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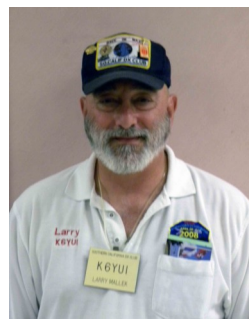
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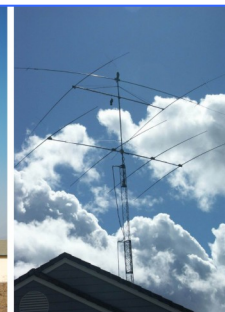
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